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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM IN CELEBRATION OF THE WASHINGTON
BICENTENNIAL WILL BE HELD AT HALL OF FAME ON
CAMPUS OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

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Distinguished Frenchmen will join with prominent Americans in an international program in celebration of the Washington Bicentennial at the Hall of Fame on the campus of New York University on Washington's Birthday, Monday, February 22, at 2:30 p.m., it was jointly announced late Saturday by Chancellor Elmer Ellsworth Brown and Dr. Robert Underwood Johnson, director.

The ceremonies in the Gould Memorial Library Auditorium will stress the cooperation of France with the American Revolutionary Forces and will include the dedication of a replica of the Houdon bust of LaFayette to be placed in a niche in the Gould Memorial Library. The bust will face the Colonnade of the Hall of Fame.

Count René de Chambrun, a direct descendant of the Marquis de LaFayette, and a delegation from France which will arrive

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1 H 11 of Fame - 2 Tuesday, February 16, on the S.S.Ile de France will take part in the celebration. During the ceremonies, which will be broadcast from 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. by the National Broadcasting Company through WEAF over an international hookup, the dirigible Los Angeles will encircle the University campus in tribute to Washington and LaFayette. Chancellor Brown will preside at the ceremonies. Dr. Johnson will read his poem, "The Sword of LaFayette" and Dr. Edwin Markham will read a poem especially written by him for the Washington Bicentennial. Addresses at the celebration will be made by the following in the order named: Count Chambrun, great-great-great-greatgrandson of LaFayette, who will represent the LaFayette family; M. Sebastien Charlety, rector of the University of Paris and member of the Institut de France; M. Andre Chevrillon, of l'Académie Française; Colonel François Pillon, military attaché of the French embassy, who will represent Ambassador Claudel; Judge Samuel Seabury, and Miss Agnes Repplier, author. Music will be by Edward Johnson, tenor of the Metropolitan Opera Company and by the Gloria Trumpeteers. The bust of LaFayette is the joint gift of New York University and the Hall of Fame. It is a replica of the one by Jean-Antoine Houdon who was commissioned by the United States at the close of the Revolutionary War to make this bust of the French general. The original is in the capitol of Virginia at Richmond. Houdon also made busts of George Washington and Robert Fulton, replicas of which are now in the Hall of Fame. The ceremonies will be preceded by an academic procession of the prominent guests and speakers from the library to the auditorium. ---0---